



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Superintendents, Principals, and School Leaders

From: Dr. Charity Flores, Chief Academic Officer

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Subject: Indiana's Priorities for Early Literacy

We know that high-quality literacy instruction is vital to ensure that Indiana's students are prepared to explore and experience a variety of pathways and postsecondary goals. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites your school to join a partnership with the mission of preparing educators to provide high-quality literacy instruction to all students, ensuring the best possible foundation for future success. To support this, Indiana's Priorities for Early Literacy will implement a plan for integration and targeted support using evidence-based practices aligned with the Science of Reading.

Implementation for this coaching model will be managed and overseen locally. IDOE will provide collaboration and training opportunities at no cost for those participating in this voluntary coalition. Participation in this model will be capped annually to ensure diligence and oversight of the implementation by IDOE and at the local level. As part of this partnership:

- Coaches will receive regular, ongoing training and support, allowing statewide collaboration. Coaches are intended to serve as leaders in disseminating information from IDOE to educators at the local level.
- Required training for coaches, school administration, and school staff will begin during the summer of 2022.

Literacy coaching efforts will give priority to those voluntary partners that maximize impact for students in kindergarten through grade two.

Please indicate your participation interest by completing this [JotForm](#) by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, April 8. Completing this form does not guarantee commitment to the partnership but is necessary to continue in the process. Once your response has been received, IDOE will provide information regarding mandatory question and answer sessions that will be held in April. These sessions will provide additional information/context needed to make an informed decision regarding your participation.

Please review the documents listed below prior to JotForm submission, and email stemlitcoaching@doe.in.gov with questions regarding this partnership or supporting documents.

[Indiana's Priorities for Early Literacy](#)

[Instructional Literacy Coach Job Description](#)

[Indiana's Priorities for Early Literacy: Statement of Assurances \(Opt-In Schools\)](#)

[Indiana's Priorities for Early Literacy \(Flyer\)](#)